

District 18A 1999-2000
District Governor
Paul Johnson

Lion Paul Johnson was elected District Governor of District 18A at the Convention held in Dalton, GA on March 20, 1999.
Serving with him for the year were

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Zone I

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Home Club: Hapeville

Clubs in Zone:

Atlanta, Atlanta 20/20, Atlanta Metro,
Buckhead Breakfast, Hapeville,
Atlanta Korean

Zone II

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Home Club: Roswell

Clubs in Zone:

Alpharetta, Roswell, Buckhead,
Sandy Springs, Woodstock,
Atlanta Hellenic

REGION II

Bob Crump (Ann)
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Marietta, GA 30064
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Home Club: West Cobb

Zone I

Bob Woomer (Valerie)
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Marietta, GA 30064
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Home Club: West Cobb

Clubs in Zone:

Austell, Dallas, Douglasville,
South Cobb, West Cobb

Zone II

Willie Diggs (Margaret)
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Marietta, GA 30062
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Home Club: East Cobb

Clubs in Zone:

Atlanta Latino, East Cobb,
Marietta, Smyrna

REGION III

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Home Club: Adairsville

Zone I

Earl Culberson
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Home Club: Adairsville

Clubs in Zone:

Adairsville, Cartersville,
Cedartown, Rockmart

Zone II

David Gentry (Linda)
33 Westwood Circle
Rome, GA 30165
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Home Club: Rome

Clubs in Zone:

Calhoun, Menlo,
Rome, Trion

REGION IV

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Zone Chairman

Harold White (Grace)
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Home Club: Chattanooga Valley

Clubs in Zone:

Chattanooga Valley, Dade County, Mountain View
Chickamauga, Lafayette, Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe
Rock Springs, Rossville

REGION V

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Zone I

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Home Club: Dalton

Clubs in Zone:

Boynton, Chatsworth,
Dalton, Dalton Noon

Zone II

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Jasper, GA 30143
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Home Club: Jasper

Clubs in Zone:

Ballground, Canton, Ellijay
Jasper, McCaysville

DISTRICT 18A - EX OFFICIO CABINET MEMBERS

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Vice President (1998-2000)

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Credentials-Chair

Donna Townsend (Haynes)
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Credentials-Member

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Credentials-Member

Scott Killebrew (Patti)
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Diabetes Awareness

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District Convention Co-Chair

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Home Club: Dalton Noon

District Convention Host

Dalton Lions Club
Dalton Noon Lions Club

District Cookbook

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District Fundraiser

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District Rally Co-Chair

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District Rally Co-Chair

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District Rally Host

Alpharetta Lions Club

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Environmental

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Extension

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Marietta, GA 30064
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Home Club: East Cobb

Eve Glass Recycling

Homer Brannon (Edna)
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Austell, GA 30001
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Home Club: Austell

Golden Chain Award

Ron Crow
1991 Britannia Circle
Woodstock, GA 30188
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Hearing & Speech/Rec for the Blind

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Honorary Committee Chair

Frank Burnette, PDG (Polly)
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Home Club: Calhoun

Honorary Committee Members

All Past District Governors

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International Convention/District Information

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International Candidate & Advisor

1997-2000

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Leadership Development-Chair

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Leadership Development-Member

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Home Club: Jasper

Leo Clubs-Member

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Home Club: Marietta

Lioness Liason

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Lions Quest

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Long Range Planning

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Chair**

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**Membership Development & Retention
Member**

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Membership Development & Retention**Member**

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Nominations & Elections - Chair

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Marietta, GA 30064-2214
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Home Club: Marietta

Nominations & Elections - Member

Hubert Hobbs (Clara)
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Marietta, GA 30064
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Home Club: West Cobb

Nominations & Elections - Member

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Outstanding Blind Award

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Home Club: Chickamauga

Outstanding Deaf Award

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Atlanta, GA 30345
404-636-5312 R
Home Club: Atlanta Henry Grady

Parliamentarian

George Crumbley, Jr., PID (Carolyn)
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Decatur, GA 30030-2375
404-373-6666 R & FAX
Home Club: Atlanta

Past District Governors President

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Resolutions and Rules

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Sightfirst

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Home Club: South Cobb

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State Awards 1997-2000

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State Convention District Chair-2000

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Home Club: Hapeville

State/District Pin Traders

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Home Club: West Cobb

State Uniform

Michael Higgins, PDG
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Home Club: Alpharetta

Anne Sullivan Award

W. Stewart Minton
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Marietta, GA 30066
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Home Club: East Cobb

Tail Twister

Charlie Andrews (Mardi)
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Cumming, GA 30130
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Home Club: Alpharetta

USA/Canada Forum

Toni Walters, PDG (David)
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Woodstock, GA 30189-6726
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Home Club: Marietta

White Cane Chair

Jane Price
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Canton, GA 30114
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Home Club: Canton

White Cane Member

Clara Hobbs (Hubert)
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Marietta, GA 30064
770-427-3671 R
Home Club: West Cobb

White Cane Member

Scott Warren (Sharlene)
707 Windsong Trace
Woodstock, GA 30188
770-928-1382 R
Home Club: Alpharetta

Youth Exchange

Brenda Price (Paul)
Home Club: Jasper

Youth Outreach

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Atlanta, GA 30328
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Home Club: Sandy Springs

The Dalton club assisted in an eye screening clinic. The club donated grilled hot dogs, popcorn and a variety of soft drinks.

President Ed Bolden and Lion Wolfgang Herb were the leaders in this project.

The Ellijay club celebrated their 65th Anniversary. The Canton club had several members attend the International Convention in San Diego, Lion Gloria DeVries, Lion Ron Crow and 1st Vice President, James Price.

Lion Ben H. Townsend, the last serving Charter member of the Jasper club died.

Lion Polly Burnett of the Calhoun Lions club did an outstanding job on the District 18A Cookbook project.

Georgia Lions had the opportunity to purchase a Lions Tag plate.

District A hosted approximately 400 Georgia Lions at the International Banquet following the board meeting of the officers of Lions International.

This was held October 25, 1999. The District was active in the Habitat for Humanity program during Lion Paul's year as District Governor.

Lions Lee Oliver, Donna Townsend and Dick Arsenault were presented International Presidents Certificates of Appreciation for their service on behalf of Lions Association.

The District 18A won top honors in the State Award Competition.

Lion Dick Arsenault did a great job.

It might be noted that Lion Tom Shulman and Paul R. Johnson were candidates for Vice District Governor at the 18A Convention in 1998. Paul was declared the winner.

Minutes of the August 8th Cabinet Meeting

Hosted by the East Cobb Lions Club

District Governor Paul R. Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The Invocation was given by PDG Haynes Townsend. Vice-District Governor Sharlene Warren led the Pledge, followed by the welcome from Lion Oscar Kachwalla, President of the East Cobb Lions Club.

A motion was made that the vote be extended to all of those Lions present at the Cabinet meeting. The motion passed. Lion Donna Townsend, Cabinet Secretary, called roll. Thirty-three clubs were represented at the meeting. Reports were given by the past cabinet officers. PDG Lester Dean announced that two Leo clubs had been added during his term of office. Lion Bob Woomer, past Cabinet Secretary presented the final minutes and budget report of the past year. The motion was made and seconded to accept these reports.

DG Paul Johnson spoke of his goals for District 18-A this year. Vice-District Governor Sharlene shared her appreciation to the Lions for her election to this office. Lion Shirley Grigsby, Cabinet Treasurer, presented the budget for the 1999-2000 Lions year for approval. DG Paul called for the vote, and the budget passed. DG Paul introduced the Region and Zone Chairmen.

Lions and spouses of the East Cobb Lions Club served refreshments during the break, followed by a round of tail twisting by our Tail Twister, Lion Charlie Andrews. Fines collected totaled \$121.00. DG Paul then introduced the Ex-Officio Cabinet members. VDG Sharlene spoke to the Lions about selling cookbooks, and encouraged all present to take books with them to sell at their respective clubs. Lion Polly Burnette was commended for selling over 80 cookbooks alone. Lion Vanessa Stanley spoke about the District 'Fun'raiser, choosing District Superlatives. Casting votes for various superlatives will cost \$1.00 and a counter-vote will cost \$2.00. There are several superlatives that will be chosen.

Reports were given by the following Lions:

PID Dr. Don Schmidt - Diabetes Awareness

Lion Leslie Miller - Georgia Lions All-State Band

The band plans on being in Augusta. Plans are underway for funding the band trip to Hawaii.

Lion Leslie Miller - Peace Poster Contest

(deadline 12/1 not 10/1) This year's theme is
"A New Beginning for Peace."

Lion Mark Miller - Leo Clubs

A motion was made and seconded to make a Leo district, the first in Georgia. The motion passed, and on November 13, there will be a District Convention for 18-A Leos. The location is to be announced.

DG Paul Johnson - Habitat for Humanity

A house will be built during the International Board of Director's visit on October 21 in Atlanta. This will be done in partnership with LCIF.

DG Paul Johnson - USA/CANADA forum

This year the forum will be held in Birmingham, Alabama from September 16 - 19.

PDG Grover Newman - Int'l Board of Director's Dinner

This dinner will be held on October 23 at the Galleria. Tickets are \$30/person and the deadline for ordering tickets is 9/20.

Additional reports were given by:

PDG Larry Starr - Membership

PDG Joe Reynolds - State Awards

Additional announcements were given by:

PDG George Haney - Lions are needed to help with transporting the International Board family during their visit to Atlanta.

PID Dr. Don Schmidt - encouraged the purchase of tickets to the International Board dinner.

Lavonne Westbrook - tickets are available to the Buckhead Breakfast Club's Fish Fry.

Ellijay Lions Club - the annual Apple Festival will be held on the second and third weekends in October. Apple baskets will be given to the International Family.

Atlanta Metro Club - the annual Food Extravaganza will be held on October 24th at St. Paul AME Church.

Lion Donna Townsend - reminded Lions to sign the roll sheet, to fill out any 'change to directory' sheets, if needed, and to add their email address to the list being sent around.

Lion Oscar Kachwalla announced the candidacy of Lion Ray Moore for the office of Vice-District Governor for the Lion's year 2000-2001.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by DG Paul at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Townsend

Minutes of the District 18-A Convention
Cabinet Meeting
Hosted by Dalton and Dalton Noon Lions Clubs

District Governor Paul R. Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. Lion Ed Bolden, President of the Dalton Lions Club, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Rev. Gay Rahn of St. Mark's Episcopal Church gave the Invocation. VDG Sharlene Warren led the Pledge to our flag. DG Paul gave special recognition to those Lions attending for the first time and to special guests and fellow Lions from throughout the state of Georgia. Cabinet Secretary Donna Townsend called roll. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes, as printed, of the November 6th Cabinet Meeting. Cabinet Treasurer Shirley Grigsby gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report.

Reports were given by the following:

- PDG Lester Dean - LCIF
Spoke of the Contributing Member program, Melvin Jones Fellowships, and the LCIF grant given to those who suffered from the tornado in Camilla.
- Lion Ed Ressler - GA Lions Camp for the Blind
April 8th is a work day for the Lions at the Camp
- Lion Mark White - President Elect, GA Lions Lighthouse Foundation.
- PDG Rod Hume - Leader Dog
- Lion Jane Price - White Cane Day
100% participation is encouraged on April 8th, White Cane Day. Our goal is \$175,000.
- PID Dr. Don Schmidt - Diabetes Awareness
- Lion Ron Crow - Golden Chain
There have been no applications for Golden Chain Awards. The deadline for applications is April 30th.
- PDG Toni Walters - SE Lions Leadership and USA Canada Forum.
Lions Jane Finley, Frank Gordon, and Mark Miller will attend the Lions Leadership Institute. The USA/Canada Forum will be held Sept 21st - 23rd in Tucson, AZ.
- Lion Leslie Miller - GLASB and Peace Poster Contest
The district winner of the Peace Poster Contest, Amanda Cramm, will have her poster entered into the state competition. Lion Leslie spoke about funding for the band trip to the International Convention in Hawaii.
- Lion Mark Miller - LEO Clubs

Lion Mark introduced Pam Sellers, District 18-A LEO president. Amnicolola Falls is the site for the next LEO district convention, on May 6th. There are 7 chartered LEO Clubs. Three prospective LEO clubs are identified in the areas of Dalton, Roswell, and Metro-Atlanta. Pickens County LEOs are celebrating their 25th anniversary, with Peggy Chapman having served as their advisor for 23 years.

- PDG Joe Reynolds - State Awards
The deadline for State Awards is 12:00 midnight on May 14th.
- Lion Charlie Andrews collected \$188.10 in taitwisting fines.
- Lion Sheila Frost - District Fund Raising
Cookbooks are still available for sale.
- Lion Donna Townsend - District Raffle
A 52" TV will be raffled to raise funds for the district. Only 150 tickets will be sold. The winner will be announced at the State Convention District breakfast on Sunday, May 21st. The cost is \$50/ticket.
- Lion Ray Moore - Extension
New club locations/communities include the Dalton Latino Club and a club at the Carter Center.
- VDG Sharlene Warren
State Convention - May 19th - 21st in Augusta
International Convention - June 19th - 23rd in Hawaii

Our guest, International Director Dr. Dennis Cobler, gave comments. There was a short question and answer session held.

Nominations were heard for the following Lions seeking election to these offices:

Librarian - James Trent, Alpharetta Lions Club
Vice-President, Camp for the Blind - Ron Crow, Canton Lions Club
Vice District Governor - Ray Moore, East Cobb Lions Club
District Governor - Sharlene Warren, Woodstock Lions Club

Council Chairman Dan Stuart asked the Lions of District 18-A for their endorsement of PDG Buddy Ouzts of the Winder Lions Club as an International Director. The Lions gave their unanimous support.

Elections were held for the above listed offices. PID Dr. Don Schmidt made a motion that the vote is by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Dinner followed at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Townsend

Minutes of the District 18-A State Convention
Breakfast Cabinet Meeting
May 20, 2000 . Augusta, GA

District Governor Paul R. Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. PDG Mel Johnson of the Atlanta Lions Club gave the Invocation. PDG David Sargent of the Dalton Lions Club led the Pledge to our flag. DG Paul gave recognition to our special guests and fellow Lions: Council Chair Dan Stuart, Board Appointee and Candidate for International Director PDG Buddy Ouzts, and International Director Rick Myers. DG Paul introduced PDG Buddy Ouzts who, in turn, introduced ID Rick Myers. ID Myers gave us some inspirational words about Lionism.

Other highlights of the breakfast included:

- *VDG-elect Lion Ray Moore collected \$156.00 in tail twisting fines.
- *Lion Phil Nason was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship
- *Lion Mark White received a Presidential Leadership Award
- *Lion Jane Price received a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation
- *Lion Holly Ellis was recognized as the Outstanding Blind Recipient for District 18-A
- *VDG Sharlene Warren was presented a Century Club Key by Shannon Nettles, Director of the GA Lions Camp for the Blind.

Lion Ed Ressler, Vice-President for the GA Lions Camp for the Blind, made a presentation to Lion Ray Moore for his work and expertise with Lions Pin Traders. Lion Ed also gave plaques of appreciation to the Alpharetta Lions Club (silver) and Jasper (gold) for their monetary contributions to the Camp.

PDG Haynes Townsend, Vice-President for the GA Lions Lighthouse Foundation, presented Certificates of Contribution to the Roswell Lions Club (2nd place) and Alpharetta (1st place). White Cane Certificates of Contribution were awarded to the Atlanta Metro Lions Club (2nd place) and Atlanta Lions Club (1st place). Total Contribution Certificates were given to the Ellijay Lioness Club (1st place) and Dalton Lions Club (1st place). The Overall Total Contributions award was presented to the Alpharetta Lions Club.

Cabinet Secretary Donna Townsend announced that the minutes from the District Convention/Cabinet Meeting were printed and distributed on the tables. The motion was made and seconded for the minutes to be approved as printed.

Announcements:

- Leadership Training - June 4th at Pickens County High School
- VDG Sharlene Warren has International Breakfast Tickets available
- Lion Donna Townsend has TV raffle tickets for the district fundraiser.
The drawing will be held on Sunday morning, May 21st during the district breakfast.

DG Paul presented the Zone and Region Chairs with District Governor medals of Appreciation and paperweights for their work during his term of office.

Lion Mark Miller, LEO Club Chair, announced that the LEO Clubs of District 18-A had set up work days at both the Lighthouse and Camp for the Blind. The State Convention for District 18-A LEOS will be held concurrently with the Lions of Georgia State Convention in Jekyll Island this next year. Lion Peggy Chapman was recognized as having served for 23 years as the Advisor to the Pickens County High School LEO Club.

Ex-Officio Cabinet Members were recognized by DG Paul and presented a certificate and state towel.

DG Paul recognized Lion Polly Burnette and her diligent work in selling District Cookbooks this year. Lion Polly gave a personal recognition to DG Paul for all his hard work during his term as District Governor.

Lion Garner Andrews ended the cabinet meeting/breakfast with awarding door prizes.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Townsend

District Governor Johnson presented the following clubs with recognition at the last District Cabinet meeting. Clubs with 35 or less members, 1st Woodstock, 2nd West Cobb, 3rd Sandy Springs Lioness club, Ellijay Lioness; Clubs with more than 35 members are 1st Dalton, 2nd Ellijay, and 3rd South Cobb.

The following Lions in District 18A were recognized with very special Awards at the MD18 Convention in Augusta from International President Jim Erwin. International Presidential medal awardees are Dr. Don Schmidt, George R. Haney, Larry Starr, Terry Chandler, Elizabeth Dixon, Toni Walters, Dan Stuart; International Presidents C.O.A awardees are Shirley Grigsby, Jan Price, Donna Townsend, Ray Moore, Grover Newman, Rod Hume, Hubert Hobbs, Jim McCall, Lester Dean, Sharlene Warren, Joe E. Reynolds, Ed Ressler, Vanessa Stanley, Charlie Andrews, Moses Johnson, Frank Burnette.

A special meeting at the Alpharetta Lions club featuring International Lions club President, Kajit Habananawda and 1st Vice President, Jim Erwin was held on March 31, 1999. Welcome was given by President Larar Shacklett. Pledge of Allegiance by past President, Shirley Grigsby. Introduction of event was given by past District Governor, Mike Higgins. Introduction of 1st Vice President Erwin was given by Bob Jamison. Lion Jim Erwin introduced the President Habananawda.

Lions History

All Past District Governors, local Clubs and each District needs to send an **outline of their service history to MD 18 State Historian, Olin Newby**. This is very important. At the end of each decade, there is a recap of the efforts of Lionism for our MD 18. This is really the only place where comprehensive histories can be kept. This outline should include rosters, special events, pictures, funds distributed, dignitaries who visited, Club or District officers, convention attendees and all other pertinent information that should be recorded.

Our District 18-A Librarian is **James Trent** of the Alpharetta Lions Club. He, as well as Olin Newby should be sent copies of all documentation by October, 2000. A ten year history is to be published by the State Convention 2001. Copies of your outlines needs to go to District 18A and the State office. Please call Lion Olin Newby if you need more specific information or guidelines. Lion Olin's fax no. is (706) 485-7758. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration with this important project.

Quotes worth remembering:

Real friends are those who, when you have made a fool of yourself, don't feel you have done a permanent job!

Be optimistic!
Optimism is the one quality more associated with success and happiness than any other.

Success comes in cans..... Failure comes in "can't's".

Pixs From MD18 State Convention



Seen displaying the latest in Hi-Tech Lion protectionism, VDE Ray Moore assures DG Paul he is amply prepared to handle any and all challenges he will encounter as he visits the various Clubs in District 18A in the ensuing year.

Proud moment for both father and daughters, as the Johnson girls receive tokens of appreciation for their forbearance while dad has been performing his DG duties in a most exemplary manner this past year.



You won't find a finer and more dedicated combination in all of Lionism than PDG H. Townsend and DG Paul Johnson. If only we could find a way to bottle this chemistry and dedication.....

An emotional moment at the recent MD18 State Convention as the old administration bids farewell and welcomes the new with a warm congratulatory embrace.



"WE SERVE"

A REPORT ON THE FIRST SOUTHEASTERN LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Thirty four Lions gathered in Forsyth, Ga. for the first *Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute* on April 26, 2000. The three and a half day institute program was chaired and lead by the best that the South has to offer. PCC Dr. Beverly Roberts from Hephzibah, Ga., PID Dr. John Pearce from Dahlonega, Ga., PDG Toni Walters from Woodstock, Ga., PCC Lowell Bonds from Hoover, Al., and PDG Bob Lastinger from Wesley Chapel, Fl.

Within three hours of the opening session, the institute moderators had the participants understanding themselves, their individual personalities, leadership style and many of their needs. The fast pace of the sessions kept the participants from too much immediate reflection, as there was much material to be covered and absorbed, and the moderators knew there would be ample time for reflection later.

As with any group gathering, there are always outstanding personalities, intellectuals, and natural leaders who motivate and leave a lasting impression. PCC Dr. Beverly Roberts coordinated, and at times it seemed, choreographed the sessions, lectures, films and work groups so efficiently and effortlessly that it was easy to ignore the considerable advance planning and preparation that had been done to ensure the success of the agenda.

As all 34 participants gathered for a final banquet on Saturday evening, Jane Finely of the Adairsville Lions Club, Mark Miller of the Jasper Lions Club and myself were presented with graduation certificates. It was at this ceremony that everyone came to the realization that these had been special days filled with shared experiences, motivational sessions, and the exchange of valuable ideas.

I would extend my profound thanks to the Dalton Lions Club for my sponsorship and would encourage all Clubs in District 18-A to consider sending one or more club members to future Institute meetings. It was a great experience and will help me in many ways to further Lionism in my home club.

Frank Gordon, President Elect, Dalton Lions Club

"Down Home Days"

Favored with near perfect spring like weather conditions, the Chickamauga Lions Club successfully sponsored their seventh annual "Down Home Days". It was estimated that as many as 8000 people may have visited the historic town of Chickamauga to enjoy the entertainment, food concessions, train and



pony rides, arts and crafts, antique cars and fire engines, and many other attractions in a carnival life atmosphere. The Chickamauga Lions Club, who were ably assisted

this year by members of the Dade County Lions Club, have long been involved in organizing and sponsoring the many activities that are the highlight and mainstay of the "Down Home Days" event.

Capable assistance from the Chickamauga Police and Sheriff departments as well as the Dade County Fire Department personnel, helped keep the three day event running safely and smoothly.

In addition to live, day long entertainment, a special concert featuring the "Montgomery Gentry Duo" at



the Gordon Lee Memorial High School football stadium on Saturday evening attracted much attention in the surrounding communities. Appearing before a cheering sell out crowd, the Duo performed a repertoire of their hits recordings as well as many other crowd pleasing favorites.

Revenues from the three day event will be used to purchase eye related services for the needy of Chickamauga and Dade counties.

Parting Comments

With the rapid approach of the end of another Lions Club administrative year and the "Changing of the Guard" at the local, state, national and international levels, this issue of the District 18-A Newsletter is also additionally significant to me as it represents my last as District 18-A Bulletin Editor. As such, I would take this opportunity to wish Lioness Vanessa Stanley, who has been appointed as my successor as Bulletin Editor, every measure of success with this endeavor. Secondly, I would also like to extend my personal gratitude to some of the many people who helped minimize the monthly effort required to publish the Newsletter. For whatever measure of success the Newsletters that have been published the past twelve months may have attained, they were most assuredly a "*collaborative*" effort requiring the cooperation and contributions from a number of people and sources.

- **First and foremost** I must extend my profound thanks to our *DG Paul Johnson*. Without his substantial input and assistance, and also that of his wife *Janet* who did virtually all of the proofreading, I would not have been able to publish anywhere near the quality nor timeliness of the monthly Newsletters. While I've made no actual count, I suspect that *DG Paul* contributed well over half of the articles that have been published in the Newsletter the last twelve months. In addition, while he is not precisely an Ansel Adams with a camera, he nonetheless took nearly 85% of the photos that have appeared in the Newsletter. And, what is most remarkable is that he accomplished all of this while still *most commendably* performing the endless duties and demands as Governor of District 18-A. **Thanks Paul.**

- **Second on my list**, I must also thank *DGE*

- *Sharlene Warren* for her frequent and discerning contributions to the Newsletter. As the Lions organization is primarily male oriented, it is essential to have a woman's perspective and viewpoint on the every expanding issues confronting Lionism. Their input was never more imperative than now, as we enter a new millennium and a more complex society with ever changing values and world issues. **Thanks Sharlene.**

- **Next on my list**, a very robust thank you to *Lion Ed Ressler*, VP of the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. Despite his reputed reputation for brevity, Ed did a superlative job of keeping us more than *loquaciously* informed on the many Camp activities.

- **Last, but not least**, many thanks to all the *District 18-A Club Presidents, Secretaries and Committee Chairman*. (to numerous to mention individually by name) who responded to request for information about Club activities. The primary focus and purpose for the existence of the Lions District Newsletter is for timely dissemination and exchange of views and ideas by all Club members. But, (and I cannot overemphasize this) this vital aspect of the Newsletter requires a **constant** input from all the Clubs that comprise District 18-A if this objective is to be realized and the Newsletter is to be impartially representative of the entire district.

While I have certainly enjoyed the challenges and excitement of publishing the monthly District 18-A Newsletter, because of the time required every month to publish the Newsletter and other personal commitments, I thought it advisable not to volunteer to do another twelve issues. Additionally, for the District Newsletter to continually grow and improve, it requires a fresh new perspective and input every year. If anyone has some extra time and ready access to computer and printing equipment, consider stepping forth and volunteering your efforts. You will find it to be an informative and enriching experience.

Dick Aisenault, Bulletin Editor

Congratulations!

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International Presidential Medal

Dr. Don Schmidt
George R. Hancy
Larry Starr
Terry Chandler
Elizabeth Dixon
Toni Walters
Dan Stuart

International Leadership Award

Paul R. Johnson
Haynes Townsend
Tom Shulman
John Keeter
Mark Miller
Ron Fairrel
Dr. Mark White

International President's C.O.A.

Shirley Grigsby
Jan Price
Donna Townsend
Ray Moore
Grover Newman
Rod Hume
Hubert Hobbs
Jim McCall
Lester Dean
Sharlene Warren
Joe E. Reynolds
Ed Resler
Venessa Stanley
Charlie Andrews
Moses Johnson
Frank Burnette



IP Jim Ervin congratulates DG Paul on his exemplary service to Lionism as DG of District 18-A and present him with an International Leadership Award.



DGE Sharlene Warren is congratulated and presented with a C.O.A. by IP Jim Ervin at recent MD18 State Convention in Augusta, Ga.



IP Jim Ervin extends congratulations to PDG Frank Burnette and presents him with a C.O.A. for his service to Lionism at the MD18 State Convention ceremonies.